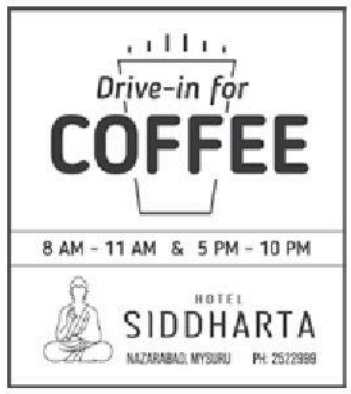

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Chamundi Hill temple closed for 14 days

From tonight till Oct.18 midnight ● From 5 am on Oct.23 till Nov. 1 midnight

The Chamundi Hill temple priests, led by Chief Priest Dr. Shashishekar Dixit, cleaned the Panchaloha idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari, the presiding deity of Mysuru, which will be placed on a Silver Chariot during the inauguration of Dasara festivities atop the Hill on Oct. 17. Also called as Durga, the Mother Goddess is depicted in the Hindu pantheon as riding a lion, with many arms, each carrying a weapon, defeating Mahishasura, the Demon King.

Mysuru, Oct.14 (SBD&DM)- In the wake of rapid spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri has ordered closure of Sri Chamundeshwari temple atop Chamundi Hill from today midnight (Oct.14) till Oct.18 midnight. The entry of public to the Hill, either by road or through steps, has been banned during this period.

However, due to Dasara inauguration atop the hill on Oct.17, the vehicles of invitees and dignitaries, officers on protocol and other staff involved in Dasara will be allowed entry from Oct.15 to 17.

Accordingly, dignitaries from State and Central Governments, Officers on Government duty, vehicles and staff on emergency duty and Hill residents only will be allowed entry on banned days. Also, the preparation and distribution of *prasada* at Hill temple has been suspended till further orders.

In another spell of closure during *Vijayadashami*, the DC has ordered shut down of the Hill temple from Oct.23 till Nov.1. Accordingly, the temple will be closed for devotees from 5 am on Oct.23 till midnight of Nov.1. Private vehicles and devotees will not be allowed entry to the Hill during this period.

Mahisha Dasara: With the DC ordering a ban on entry of devotees to the Hill temple from today midnight till Oct.18, the Mahisha Dasara Aacharana Samithi, which had planned to celebrate Mahisha Dasara atop Chamundi Hill tomorrow (Oct.15), will meet this evening to discuss alternative plans for celebrating Mahisha Dasara, former Mayor Purushotham told *SOM*.

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	416
Total positive cases	:	42,789
Discharges yesterday	:	693
Total discharges	:	35,050
Deaths yesterday	:	03
Total deaths	:	896
Total active cases	:	6,843

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 14th October 2020

Janapada Academy invites entries for Book Award

Mysuru, Oct.14 - The Karnataka Janapada Academy has invited entries from authors, publishers and editors for presenting Janapada Book Award for the year 2019. First edition of the books published between 1.1.2019 and 31.12.2020, with minimum of 150 pages, on topics including Janapada prose, poetry, criticism and research work on folk literature and compilation of Janapada works will be considered for the award.

Authors, publishers and editors have been advised to send their entries to the Registrar, Karnataka Janapada Academy, 2nd Floor, Kannada Bhavan, JC Road, Bengaluru, before Oct. 25, according to a press release.

KSOU Open Book Exam

Mysuru, Oct.14 - The Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) will be publishing Open Book Exam questionnaire on its website *www.ksoumysuru.ac.in* on Oct. 17 for those students who have got admission to first and second year BA, B.Com, first year MA, M.Com, first and third semester M.Sc and second semester MBA for the academic year 2019-20 (July session).

Students have been instructed to send all handwritten answers on both sides of A4 size white answer sheets through speed post or registered post in a cover (mandatorily in a single cover) to the Registrar (Evaluation), KSOU, Muktagangothri, Mysuru-06 before Oct. 27.

Any answer sheets sent on later dates will not be received or considered for evaluation and there will not be any re-evaluation for open book exam, according to a press release from KSOU Registrar Dr. Kavitha Rai.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A documentary that looks at how everything is closely connected has an episode on poop, tracing its journey from the human body to its place of final disposal. Interestingly, the narrator-reporter, talking to the person in-charge of the sewage disposal unit in London, remarks excitedly that this unit with its myriad pipes and canals was actually an extension of the human alimentary canal! From here, it journeys on in more canals and pipes to its final destination. And in the process, all poops become free of identities, merging as one. Including those of queen and commoner. That's a metaphysical view, so to speak.

Amazingly, between the alimentary canal and the brain, a lot of stuff goes on. Sometimes our emotions and behaviour may be orchestrated by trillions of bacteria that reside in those winding tracts, propelling us to be what we are. The term 'gut feeling' comes from here, perhaps, and our intuition is likely collective messages bombarded by these little fellas who make up our intricate microbiome web. That gut bacteria impact the brain and influence the mind is no longer fringe theory. Experts are testing psychobiotics as mental health remedies, reports Elizabeth Svoboda in Discover magazine, as gut bacteria may cause or aggravate anxiety. You also have 'mood probiotics', gut bacterial strains engineered to help you deal with anxiety and depression.

The converse is also true; good bacteria improves our overall health, and makes possible mind-body balance. Scientists are trying to create "new bacteria-based therapies that could expand a mental health treatment landscape", that is sorely in need of fresh breakthroughs.

— Narayani Ganesh in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

'Frozen excrement' from plane crashes through house roof

Toronto: A Canadian woman has claimed a frozen lump of excrement, dropped from a plane passing overhead has ripped through the roof of her mother's house and landed in the hallway, less than 15ft from where she was sleeping.

The woman, identified as Stephanie Moore, a 36-year-old teacher had been staying with her mother overnight after returning from a trip to Cuba.

She said that she found pink insulation, drywall, ceiling material and shattered bits of wood on the hallway floor in a puddle of water. In the morning, daylight could be seen shining through the hole which was around one metre in diameter and the crash had caused damage to the roof's planking and shingles.

The roofer who inspected the damage said there was no rotting wood in the roof and before the incident the outer shell of the house was solid. He said that it was mostly likely to be "blue ice" - a term for frozen excrement that can accidentally leak away from planes mid flight, named for the colour of disinfectant used by sewage systems in commercial planes.

Rare orange lobster re-homed after chance discovery

Lancashire: The "one in 30 million" crustacean - a rare orange Canadian lobster - was spotted by fishmonger Steve Atkinson in a crate from Canada after it was delivered to Neve Fishmongers in Fleetwood, Lancashire.

The lobster has been rescued and re-homed in a Blackpool aquarium.

Scott Blacker, the curator at Sea Life Blackpool, said: "Its striking and extremely unusual orange colour is actually only found in one in 30 million Canadian lobster. "He is on permanent display to the public in one of our main tanks and we will, of course, be ensuring it has a forever caring and loving home," he said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is human fertility decreasing?

Human fertility is now declining as our planet becomes choked with chemicals and devitalised food. 1 in 4 couples are now unable to have children because of miscarriage and conception problems. Fertility is a leading indicator of human health.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	215
Total positive cases	:	13,948
Total discharges	:	11,993
Total deaths	:	124
Total active cases	:	1,831

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	61
Total positive cases	:	5,186
Total discharges	:	4,400
Total deaths	:	90
Total active cases	:	685

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	151
Total positive cases	:	3,848
Total discharges	:	3,108
Total deaths	:	52
Total active cases	:	688

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	238
Total positive cases	:	21,937
Total discharges	:	17,638
Total deaths	:	347
Total active cases	:	3,952

Really...?

- *The mantis shrimp has the world's fastest punch.*
- *Female lions do 90 percent of the hunting.*
- *Narwhal tusks are really an "inside out" tooth.*
- *The world's oldest known breed of domesticated dog dates back to 329 BC. And the oldest evidence of domesticated cats dates back 9,500 years.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Tom : *How should I convey the news to my father that I've failed?*

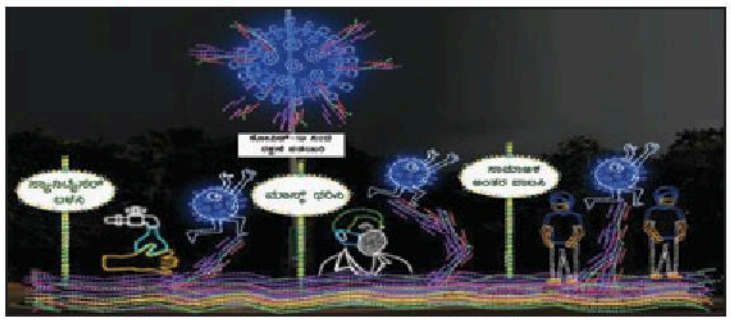
David: *You just send a telegram: Result declared, past year's performance repeated !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.36
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.77
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.97
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.16

VOICE OF THE READER

Illumination: Govt. apathy Vs people's callousness



Sir,

With the COVID-19 pandemic playing havoc in our State, it is highly deplorable that the State Government and District Administration are celebrating Dasara with illumination of all the major roads, Circles and buildings in the name of lowkey affair.

In Mysuru, the Corona positivity rate is 10% when compared to the national level of 7 to 8% and the fatality rate is 2% in Mysuru when the national average is 1.6%. With these statistics as of now, Mysuru which had witnessed single digit Corona cases in the months of April, May and June has touched 5 digit mark now, thanks to the apathy of Government and also the callous attitude of the public.

One cannot understand the psyche of people's representatives who should have fought tooth and nail to cancel the Dasara this year in toto in the interest of public are playing with the health and lives of citizens.

Do we really need Dasara this year when the pandemic is scaring the whole globe with thousands of deaths and no cure or vaccine in near future?

Government guidelines says people to stay home and not to venture out unnecessarily and at the same time, the same Government is illuminating the city in the name of simple Dasara, attracting people to come out of their homes. Where is the logic?

Should not the District Administration think about this simple logic that with illumination, people will come out in large numbers and there is every chance of aggravating the Corona, instead of breaking the chain of transmission?

The Government should have skipped Dasara this year and the allocated amount should have been used to increase the number of COVID beds, ICU beds and streamlining oxygen supply as the health system in city is collapsing day by day.

Imagine the situation if the number of COVID cases increase by 2 or 3 fold due to Dasara? Not only this, there will be a big burden on the already depleted health care professions, who are stressed out with long working hours for the past 6 months and may not be able to cope up any more. On behalf of all concerned citizens of Mysuru, I request the District Administration not to illuminate any part of the city during Dasara this year keeping in mind the public safety.

—Dr. H.V. Srimandir Kumar,
ENT Consultant
Mysuru 12.10.2020

Mysuru Railway Station adjudged 'Best Maintained Major Station'

Mysuru, Oct. 14- South Western Railway (SWR) celebrated the 65th Railway Week in Hubballi yesterday and Mysuru Railway Station was adjudged the 'Best Maintained Station' for the year 2019-20 under the category of 'Major' Stations on SWR.

Under the Comprehensive Station Redevelopment Plan undertaken in 2019-20, Mysuru Railway Station saw the addition of many passenger-friendly initiatives with adequate care taken to retain the heritage value of the building. The redevelopment of Station has brought appreciation from different forums calling Mysuru Station as one of the Best Maintained Stations in Indian Railways.

The Signal and Telecommunication Department (S&T) of SWR Mysuru Division has won the Zonal Efficiency Shield for 2019-20. The S&T Department recently upgraded signalling technology in Sakleshpur-Subramanya Ghat Section in record time, paving way for enhanced safety and sectional capacity despite facing multiple hurdles in the hostile territory as also battling health scare due to COVID.

The Railways can now explore the possibility of introducing additional passenger services in the Ghat Section, a demand remaining unfulfilled as the Commissioner of Railway Safety had imposed restrictions in operations of passenger services owing to safety reasons. The freight trains can now run at higher speeds leading to higher productivity. The Security Department of Mysuru Division has also bagged the Efficiency Shield for the year 2019-20.

Adding another feather in the cap of Mysuru Division, the prestigious Swarnajayanthi Weekly Superfast train running between Mysuru and Nizamuddin (New Delhi), which undergoes primary maintenance at Mysuru, was declared as the 'Best Maintained Rake' on South Western Railway for the year 2019-20.

Ajay Kumar Singh, General Manager, SWR, Hubballi, handed over the efficiency shield for 'Best Maintained Station' Major to Aparna Garg, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Mysuru, in a low key function organised in SWR Head Quarters, Hubballi.

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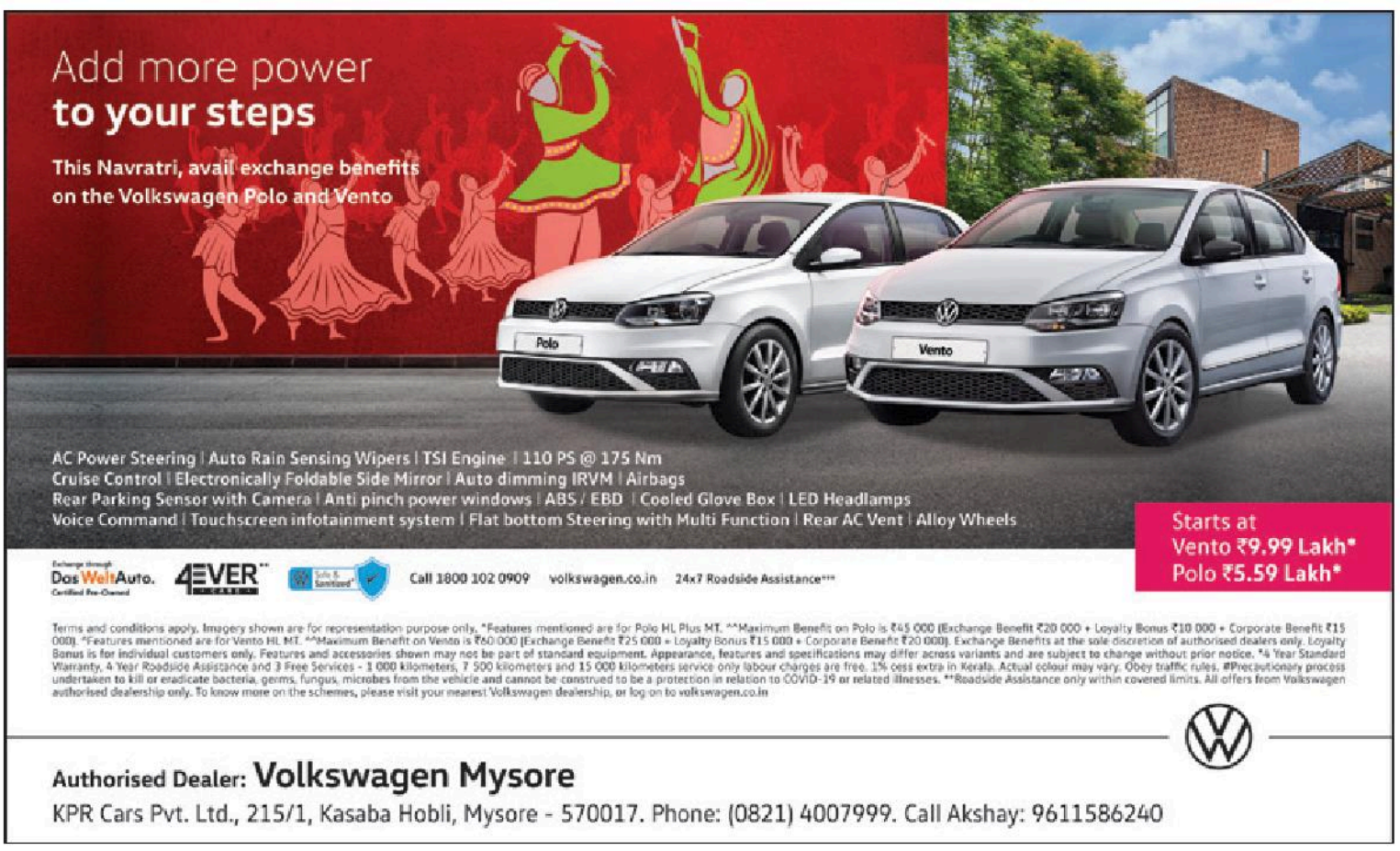
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP):** 16th edition of Bombe Mane, an exhibition of exquisite dolls, Bombe Mane auditorium, #91, above 'Aamrapali Sarees' shop, Nazarbad Main Road, up to **7.30 pm.**
- **Online Concert:** Bards of Mysore (Volume 2), a grand vocal concert by Vid. Manasa Nayana, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and M.S. Ardhana on tambura, YouTube Channel [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgOAVMHUOjI], **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 15)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP):** 16th edition of Bombe Mane, an exhibition of exquisite dolls, Bombe Mane auditorium, #91, above 'Aamrapali Sarees' shop, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Inauguration of 'Subbaiah Naidu Theatre Camp' by actor Prakash Shenoy, Amateur Theatres Union President Suresh Babu chief guest, **5 pm.**
- **Vivekananda Institute of Leadership Development (V-Lead), a unit of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru:** Webinar 'Learn from your peers,' **6 pm.** [For registration, contact: 94497-91900]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NEWS BRIEFS

Online Concert

Bards of Mysore (Volume 2), a grand vocal concert by Vid. Manasa Nayana has been organised on his YouTube Channel *[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgOAVMHUOjI]* today (Oct.14) at 6 pm. He will be accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and M.S. Archana on tambura.

Power disruption

As L&T has taken up underground cable laying works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Oct. 15) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Sharadadevinagar, Chamundeshwari Temple Road, Kavery Apartment, Orchid School, Vasu Layout and surrounding areas.

Due to emergency maintenance works taken up by CESC, power supply will also be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow from 10 am to 6 pm: Ballal Circle, Chamundipuram, RTO Office, Chamaraja Mohalla, Jain Bhavan, Bestageri, Dr. Vishnuvardhan Road and surrounding areas.

Postponed

The Second Quarterly Meeting (2020-21) of District Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee, which was earlier scheduled to take place on Oct. 14, has been postponed. The meeting will now take place on Oct. 19 at ZP Hall at 10 am. MP Pratap Simha will preside.

KPSC: Interview

The Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) will hold interviews from Oct. 19 to Nov. 18 for 221 + 88 (HK) posts of Assistant Horticulture Officer in the Horticulture Department, five posts of Chief Librarians in Department of Public Libraries and 7 + 3 (HK) posts of Urdu teachers in Morarji Desai Residential Pre-University Colleges. It will be held at the KPSC Central Office in Bengaluru. For details, visit: *www.kpsc.kar.nic.in*

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.80 ft
Yesterday	124.80 ft
Inflow	8,615 cusecs
Outflow	8,358 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.73 ft
Inflow	8,136 cusecs
Outflow	4,275 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.25 ft
Inflow	2,868 cusecs
Outflow	800 cusecs

District Judge Huddar flags off COVID-19 Awareness Jatha

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (PM&SSV)- Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, Bengaluru, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Mysuru and Mysore Bar Association jointly took out a jatha (rally) in city this morning, to create awareness on preventing the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

Principal District and Sessions Court Judge Ramachandra D. Huddar, who is also the Chairman of DLSA, flagged off the jatha by waving the green flag at the Law Courts premises on K.R. Boulevard in the city. He also took part in the jatha on Vani Vilas Road.

Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth, Mysore Bar Association President S. Anand Kumar, Secretary B. Shivanna, advocates and members of various voluntary organisations were present.

Speaking on the occasion, the Judge said that six teams are visiting various places in city to create awareness among people on the usefulness of wearing face masks, hand sanitiser and maintaining social distance. This kind of programme was required in the wake of spurt in Corona positive cases in city and district, he added.

As per directions of Karnataka High Court, all the Courts were functioning with full capacity from Monday last. Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) has been made mandatory for advocates and litigants in all Courts. They have to show the negative report before entering Court Hall, he said and added that positive cases were sent to quarantine.

On this occasion, general public were distributed with face masks given by the Health Department and voluntary organisations.

Woman, daughter go missing from city

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (KS)- A 26-year-old woman and her five-year-old daughter have gone missing from Sub-Urban Bus Stand in city.

The missing persons are C. Madhuri and her daughter Druthi, residents of Anagalli Doddi, near Hanur in Chamarajanagar district.

According to the complaint lodged by Madhuri's husband Subash with Lashkar Police, he along with his wife and daughter had come to a relative's house on Oct. 12 and had gone to Sub-Urban Bus Stand to go back to their place. He has further stated in the complaint that when he went to attend nature's call and returned back, he found his wife and daughter missing from the

Madhuri

Druthi

bus stand. Madhuri was wearing a blue coloured chudidhar and has a scar on her forehead, while Druthi was wearing a pink coloured frock. Both speak Kannada and Lamani languages.

Those having any information about the missing persons, may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418107 or 2418307 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Unidentified man dies at hospital

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (KS)- An unidentified man, who was found lying sick at Sita Vilas Road Signal on Oct. 2 afternoon and was admitted to K.R. Hospital by Krishnaraja (KR) Police, has breathed his last at the hospital on Oct. 6.

The unidentified man is aged about 50 years, 5.2 ft. tall, oily red complexioned, oval faced, lean built, sports white beard and moustache, and was wearing a blue checks full arm shirt and grey pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact KR Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418319 or 2418519 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release from the Police.

Former India football captain no more

Carlton Chapman

Mysuru, Oct. 14- Carlton Chapman (49), former India football captain and a resident of J.P. Nagar in Mysuru, passed away on Oct. 12 at Bengaluru, following heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife Rachel, daughter Ruth, son Carrick and a host of relatives and friends.

A creative midfielder, Chapman played for India between 1995 and 2001 and the country won the 1997 SAFF Championship under his captaincy.

At the Club level, he had two successful spells — one with East Bengal and the other with JCT Mills (now defunct).

Funeral took place at Shanthinagar Catholic Cemetery in Bengaluru yesterday, according to sources.

Obituary

R. Varadaraj

Mysuru, Oct. 14 - R. Varadaraj (66), retired BEML employee and a resident of Vijayanagar here, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city this morning.

C. Madaiah

C. Madaiah (Gandaidappa), a resident of Srirampura here, passed away last night in city. He was 85. He leaves behind a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this noon.

Horalawadi Puttaswamy

Nanjangud: Horalawadi Puttaswamy (72), a senior politician of the taluk and a Veerashaiva community leader, passed away at his residence yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons including BJP Taluk President P. Mahesh, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his farm land in Horalawadi, according to family sources.

While State Government asks people to stay at home, the illuminated welcome boards put up at Chamundi Hill beckons visitors to come out in droves amid COVID shadow over Dasara

Lukewarm response from tourists for hotel bookings

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Mysuru, Oct.14- COVID-19 pandemic has cast a shadow on Dasara festival which will begin in Mysuru on Oct. 17. With hardly three days left for the formal opening of Dasara-2020, the hustle-bustle of tourists is missing this time much to the disappointment of thousands of families which are directly or indirectly dependent on tourism and hospitality industry.

"There are hardly any enquiries from tourists to make advance booking of hotel rooms during this festival season. As of now, the booking is below 20 per cent. We don't know if tourists will come this year due to COVID-19 threat," C. Narayanagowda, President of Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association, told *Star of Mysore.*

According to him, there are 9,500 rooms in 450-plus hotels in Mysuru city and district. By this time, almost all the hotels in the city would have put 'no rooms' board outside their establishments, had the Coronavirus pandemic not affected the world, he said. The hectic activities that used to be witnessed during Dasara all these years were missing this time. People are not ready to step out of houses fearing contracting the virus which has claimed 896 lives till today in Mysuru district in the last six months. The fear of pandemic has gripped the whole nation and people are not ready to risk their lives by coming to the city.

Artist Anand is seen painting Mahishasura Statue atop Chamundi Hill.

Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa's decision to hold this Dasara in a simple manner and restricting *Jumboo Savari* procession within the Palace premises has made tourists to cancel their Mysuru visit. The tourists would love to sit in a vantage place on the 5-km stretch starting from the Palace premises up to the Bannimantap Grounds to witness the colourful procession.

The hotels, especially, on the procession route, used to charge premium rates for rooms since tourists could enjoy seeing the procession without jostling for space at other places. However, these hotels were also not getting any enquiries from tourists for room booking, he rued.

A majority of tourists who come to Mysuru are from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Telangana. Hardly 10-15 per cent of tourists belonged to North India. This time, due to spike in Corona positive cases in Southern States, the city may not get good number of tourists. With Mysuru occupying Number 2 position in reporting maximum number of Corona positive cases and casualties, after Bengaluru, tourists are dropping idea to visit the City of Palaces this time. If domestic tourists are not ready to visit Mysuru how can we expect foreigners to come here, Narayanagowda questioned. According to him, there are 24 two, three and four star hotels, 400 lodges with rooms, 130 lodges with restaurants and 130 lodges serving non-vegetarian food. A majority of them have not received a good response from tourists yet. Around 15,000 to 20,000 workers are dependent on this hospitality industry and with no flow of tourists it has become difficult for hoteliers to pay salaries and maintain the establishments.

A replica of Palace Durbar Hall comes alive at Millennium Circle (LIC Circle) on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road in Bannimantap.

> *"This year, we are having zero booking. Not a single room has been booked till date. Five years ago, all the rooms would have been booked at least 15 days in advance. Rooms were in demand especially in last three days of Dasara to watch Jumboo Savari procession. A number of hotels have not been opened since the outbreak of COVID-19 in March. So I don't think tourists will come to Mysuru this time."*
>
> **— P.V. Giri, Chairman, Siddharta Group**

> Demand for rooms this year is not much when compared to previous years. Though there is no enquiry for five initial days of Dasara, there is a big demand especially for last three days due to weekend.
>
> **— S. Vijay Selvaraj, Director, Sales & Marketing, Radisson Blu**

COVID-19 scare: Royal family modifies Palace rituals

Mysuru, Oct.14 (MTY&SSV)- With no let up in Corona positive cases and casualties in Mysuru city and district, the Royal family of Wadiyars has planned to make certain changes in its rituals to be observed inside the Palace as part of Sharannavarathri.

Already, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, wife of late Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar, has restricted entry to her family members, friends, relatives and media for all rituals which will begin inside the Palace from Oct. 17 in order to prevent spreading of pandemic. As a precautionary measure, the royal family has banned 'Vajramushti Kalaga' which is held on 'Ayudha Puja' day as supporters of wrestlers would gather inside the Palace to see them in real action.

M. Lakshminarayan, Private Secretary to Pramoda Devi, told *Star of Mysore* that this time, the rituals will be held as simple as possible due to COVID-19 scare. Only two priests will be present along with Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar to perform rituals symbolically. Except those two priests nobody will be present inside the Palace during Sharannavarathri rituals including the Palace sevaks in traditional attire. Even the tradition of priests bringing the royal scion Yaduveer by holding his hand up to the Durbar Hall has been cancelled this time, he added.

Workers are seen replacing the fused bulbs of the Mysore Palace which will be illuminated during Dasara.

Replacement of burned out bulbs begins

Replacement of fused or burned out incandescent bulbs of the Mysore Palace has begun for Dasara festivities. The inauguration of Dasara festival will be held on Oct. 17.

The Palace illumination had been suspended for the last six months owing to COVID-19 pandemic and the illumination will commence from Oct. 17 and the Palace will be illuminated daily from 7 pm to 9 pm. However, entry inside the Palace is banned for the general public and tourists.

"Every year, we order 20,000 bulbs during Dasara to replace the defunct bulbs. The Palace staff themselves will replace most of the bulbs, while only a few adorning the cupola (gopura) will be replaced by experts using crane for which tenders will be called," said Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya to *Star of Mysore*, this morning.

As many as one lakh incandescent bulbs are used for the Palace illumination. These bulbs are specially manufactured by a few companies in Hyderabad and Delhi.

164 Palace staff test negative

Mysuru, Oct.14 (PM&SSV)- A free RT-PCR and Rapid Antigen Test were conducted for the staff of Mysore Palace in view of the beginning of the ten-day Dasara festival from Oct. 17 to 26.

As many as 300 persons are working in various Departments in the Palace which includes Electrical, Civil and Horiculture, Police and Home Guards. Of them, 164 underwent two tests here yesterday. Though all of them tested negative in Rapid Antigen Test, the swab collected from them had been sent to laboratory for RT-PCR test and result was awaited.

The tests were conducted free of cost following request made by T.S. Subramanya, Deputy Director, Mysore Palace Board, to Health Department as a precaution.

The staff members will be present in the Palace premises to supervise in conducting cultural programmes as well as other rituals.

Villagers appealed not to come for Mysuru Dasara

Tests to be intensified in rural areas

Mysuru,Oct.14(RK&DM)- In a bid to prevent the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, COVID tests will be intensified in rural areas, according to ZP CEO D. Bharathi.

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Bharathi said that in the wake of rapid spread of the contagion in rural areas, about 1,700 to 2,000 tests are being carried out every day, out of which, a whopping 25 to 30 percent test positive. Pointing out that tests are being conducted in all Gram Panchayat limits, she said that those found suffering from breathing problems and other symptoms are being treated at Taluk Hospitals. Noting that 50 percent of beds have been reserved for COVID-19 infected in every hospital, she said that 50 oxygenated beds have been provided for each Taluk Hospital. Stating that there are only a few in rural areas, who are under home isolation, Bharathi said that barring Nanjangud and T. Narasipur taluks, there are less number of infected people in the rest of w the district.

Asserting that it is crucial for people to voluntarily undergo COVID tests and not to neglect symptoms, she appealed the people to co-operate with the district administration to tackle the deadly contagion.

ZP CEO D. Bharathi

Appeal

The ZP CEO further appealed people from rural areas not to come to Mysuru for witnessing *Jumboo Savari,* as the Government has decided to celebrate Dasara in a simple manner, with the Dasara procession restricted only to Palace premises in the wake of COVID-19 spread.

Pointing out that the Technical Committee has recommend that only 300 persons be allowed for taking part in the procession, that will be held only within the Palace premises, she said that the people can watch the procession on TV screens or social networking sites. Reiterating her appeal to the people not to come to Mysuru for watching the Dasara procession, Bharathi said that staying indoors will largely help in stopping the spread of the virus.

Postal Sovereign Gold Bond scheme

Mysuru, Oct. 14 - Indian Postal Department has now launched the seventh series of the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme 2020-21. This scheme is open from Oct. 12 to Oct. 20. Interested customers can visit the nearest post office to invest.

The price is fixed at Rs. 5,051 per gram of gold. While one can apply for a minimum of 1 gram, individual or Hindu undivided family can invest up to 4 kg in each financial year. Trusts can invest up to 20 kg a year. The bond tenure is 8 years with exit option after 5th, 6th or 7th year. If one holds the bonds till maturity, they will get an amount equivalent to the market price of gold. These bonds can also be used as collateral for loans. For details, contact the nearest post office or call Ph: 0821-2417308/307.

Railways to run Festival Special Trains from Oct. 20

Mysuru, Oct.14 RK&SSV)- Indian Railways will run Festival Special Runs-2020 from Oct. 20 to Nov. 30.

According to a press release here, **1)** Kachiguda-Mysuru Express (KCG-MYS) Train No. 02785/86 will run daily. It will arrive at 9.30 am and leave at 3.15 pm. **2)** Darbang-Mysuru Express (DBG-MYS) Train No. 02577/78 will run only on Saturday. It will arrive at 1 am and depart at 7.20 am. **3)** Mysuru-Mayilduturai (Thanjavur Express) Train No. 06231/32 will run daily. It will arrive at 8.30 am and leaves at 4.30 pm. **4)** Mysuru-Tuticorin Express Train No. 06235/36 will run daily. It will arrive at 10 am and depart at 6.15 pm. **5)** Mysuru-Varanasi Express (Mys-Bsb) Train No. 06229/30 will run only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will arrive at 3 am and leave at 7.20 am. **6)** Mysuru-Dharwad Express (Mys-Dwr) Train No. 07301/02 will run daily. It will arrive at 7 am and leave at 10.30 pm. **7)** Mysuru-Ajmer Express (All-Mys) Train No. 06209/10 will run on every Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will arrive at 6 am and leave at 6.30 pm.

Passengers will have to book the tickets in advance.

DC chairs Dasara Officers meeting

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri chaired a meeting of heads of various Departments ahead of Dasara inauguration at DC Office here this morning. City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Additional Deputy Commissioner B.S. Manjunathaswamy, ZP CEO D. Bharathi, MCC Additional Commissioner N.M. Shashikumar, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni, Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director H. Channappa and others participated. The meeting was in progress when we went to the Press.

Bypolls: BJP fields Muniratna from R.R.Nagar, Rajesh Gowda from Sira

Muniratna

Rajesh Gowda

Bengaluru, Oct.14- Ending days of speculation, the BJP on Tuesday evening announced the names of its candidates for the bypolls from R.R.Nagar and Sira Assembly segments.

Muniratna, a two-time Congress MLA from R.R.Nagar, who quit the Congress to join the BJP last year, has been given the BJP ticket for R.R.Nagar segment in Bengaluru city, while Dr. C.M. Rajesh Gowda, also a new entrant to the BJP, has been given the party ticket to contest from Sira in Tumakuru district.

Following the announcement of his candidature, Muniratna filed his nomination papers at Bengaluru this morning.

Bypolls for both the Constituencies will take place on Nov.3.

While the bypolls for R.R. Nagar Assembly was necessitated by the resignation of Muniratna, the bypolls for Sira is taking place following the demise of sitting MLA B.Sathyanarayana (JD-S).

Muniratna files nomination

While Muniratna is an old war horse, Dr. Rajesh Gowda, who is the son of former Congress MP from Chitradurga C.P. Moodalagiriyappa, is a new entrant to the BJP, who had joined the party only a few days ago with an expectation of getting the party ticket.

Meanwhile, the JD(S) too announced on Tuesday that it was fielding Krishnamurthy, a party leader from Jnanabharathi area in Bengaluru, from R.R. Nagar.

The Congress had announced the party candidates much earlier for both Constituencies, by naming H. Kusuma for R.R.Nagar and former Minister T.B.Jayachnadra for Sira.

Taking a lead over her rivals, Kusuma, wife of deceased IAS officer D.K.Ravi and daughter of political leader Hanumantharayappa, filed her nomination as the Congress candidate from R.R.Nagar segment on Tuesday. She is expected to file her second set of nomination papers today.

MCC asks revenue site owners to pay taxes

Mysuru, Oct.14 (DM&RK)- In yet another initiative for mopping up resources, the cash-strapped Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has asked the residents of Revenue Layouts in the city to pay property taxes to the civic body.

In a Public Notice dated Oct.13, 2020, the MCC Commissioner, bringing to the notice of Revenue Layout residents, said that landed revenue property owners (sites and buildings) will be issued PID (Property Identification) number if they pay taxes at their respective MCC Zonal Offices. The MCC staff will generate the required SAS (Self Assessment Scheme) forms for enabling them to pay their property tax.

The tax paid receipt will hugely help the revenue site and building owners for regularisation when the Government decides to implement Akrama-Sakrama scheme. As such, the revenue site and building owners are asked to remit tax at their respective MCC Zonal Offices by Oct.31,2020 and collect the tax paid receipt for the same, the notice said.

Referring to Paying Guest (PG) accommodations in the city, the Commissioner said that the MCC is not getting targeted revenue from PG services, as the PG owners have been defaulting on payment of taxes to the MCC. This apart, it has been found that many PGs are running unauthorisedly and evading tax. As such, all PGs are compulsorily required to register at the Office of the MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) latest by Oct.31,2020, failing which legal action will be initiated against defaulting PG owners under the KMC Act, the notice further said.

Calling PGs to register before Oct.31

Meanwhile, MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Kumar Nayak told *Star of Mysore* this morning that there are about 25,000 revenue properties (sites and buildings) in MCC limits. Highlighting the importance of paying property tax, he said that payment of tax through SAS with PID number, will become an authorised document for the owners in support of their claims, if the Government decides to launch Akrama-Sakrama in the future.

As such, the revenue property owners must come forward for voluntary payment of tax at their respective Zonal Office before the deadline and thus support the MCC's efforts in augmenting revenue earnings.

Referring to PG accommodations, Kumar Nayak said that the MCC does not have an official record on their number in the city as most of them have not bothered to register with the civic body.

Pointing out that PG owners and operators have also been asked to remit taxes, he said that it is mandatory for them to register with the MCC.

"The PGs must register with the MCC before Oct.31. Also a separate trade licence is required for running a PG as it is considered as a commercial activity and as such the owners must voluntarily approach the MCC for obtaining the trade licence and pay taxes", he said.

Best Horticulture Farmer Awards: Applications invited

Mysuru, Oct. 14 - The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot, will hold a mega 'Thotagarika Mela-2020 (Horticulture Fair) from December 21 to 23 in Bagalkot. On this occasion, best horticulture farmer and best woman horticulture farmer awards for each of the 23 districts of the State (coming under Varsity limits) will be given. The Varsity has invited applications from farmers for the same. Those farmers of Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts who are willing to apply for the award can obtain the application form from Dean, College of Horticulture, Yelchanahalli, Yelwala or from website *www.uhsbagalkot.edu.in* and submit the applications before Oct. 29. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2970411 or Mob: 81479-59226, according to a release.

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CORRIGENDUM - I

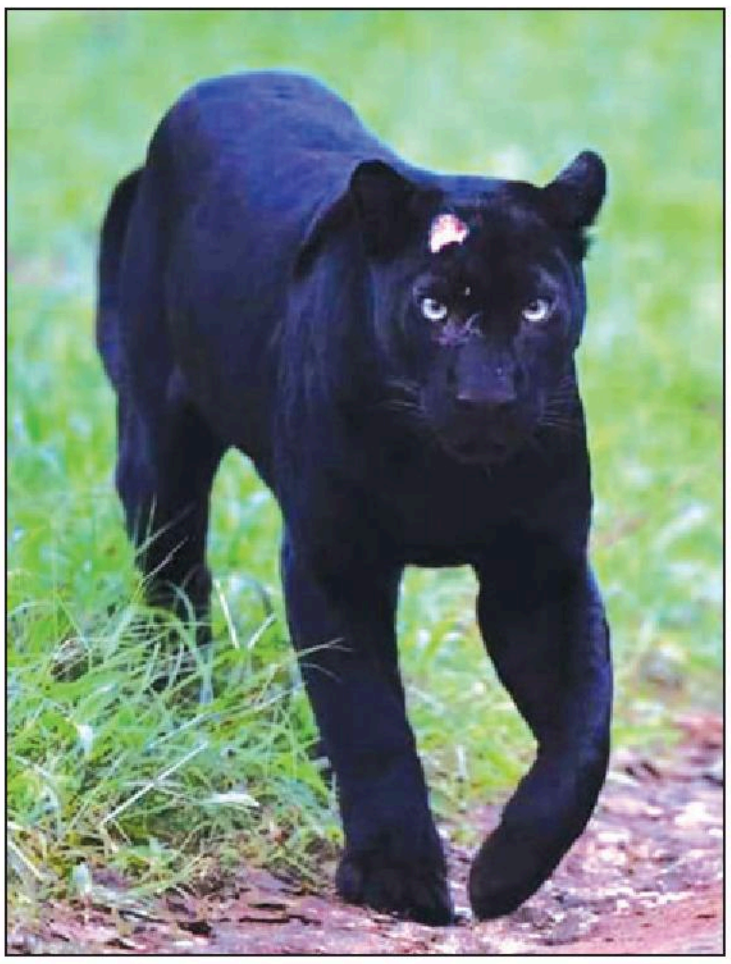
With reference to the below tender, please note the extension of dates in tender sale period, submission etc.,

Tender Reference No.	BARC/MYS/PROJ/SS PIPING/01/2020, Dated: 13.08.2020
Name of work	Fabrication of Stainless Steel piping & related MS structural support including erection & testing works in DF-1 & DF-2, at BARC site, Mysore.
Tender Sale Period	Tender sale period is extended From **(13.10.2020-11:00 Hrs) To (23.10.2020-15:00 Hrs)** on website **www.tenderwizard.com/DAE.**

For other changes in dates of Last date and time of closing of online submission of tenders, Last date for submission of original documents towards Receipt of e-payment towards Tender Processing Fee and EMD, Date and time of online opening of Part 1 etc, please download the corrigendum documents in website daeunder this tender.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer
For & on behalf of President of India

Black Panther, injured in territorial fight, appears after two months



Mysuru, Oct. 14 (MTY&KS)- The lone Black Panther, which was the major attraction for Safari goers at Kakanakote (Dammana Katte) in Antharasanthe Range at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, which was injured in a territorial fight, has made its appearance after two months. This is for the second time that the Black Panther has been injured in the territorial fight. It was injured for the first time about one-and-a-half years ago.

As the Black Panther was seriously injured near the right portion of its skull, safari was stopped in that forest range for the panther to recover soon and the Black Panther had disappeared into the forest since two months. But on Sunday and Monday, the Black Panther made its appearance for safari goers with a large wound and the skin is yet to re-generate. The Panther has played an important role in attracting tourists to Kanakanakote Safari and Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR) at Kabini backwaters, thus helping in the development of tourism.

Though this Black Panther had mated with other leopards, none of its offsprings are black and the Forest Department, in a bid to increase its population, restrict the movement of safari vehicles during mating season but are left disappointed as not a single cub is like the Black Panther.

Barn Owl rescued

Snake rescuer and wildlife enthusiast Surya Keerthi of city has rescued a Barn Owl which was found injured due to an eagle attack at K.R. Mohalla. Surya's father Snake Shyam, city's well-known snake rescuer and wildlife conservationist, speaking to SOM this morning, said that it is not a rare white owl but a common Barn Owl and added that the owl was later released into its habitat.

Rare Four-Horned Antelope 'camera trapped' at Veeranahosahalli Range in Nagarahole

Hanagod, Oct. 14 (Hanagod Mahesh&KS)- A rare Four-Horned Antelope (Tetracerus quadricornis), which is on the verge of extinction, has been 'camera trapped' at Veeranahosahalli Range in Nagarahole Reserve Forest about 10 days ago.

Also known as *Chousingha* in Hindi, this animal is one of the smallest Asian Bovids on the verge of extinction. The Four-Horned Antelope is classified as 'Vulnerable' by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN).

These antelopes have four horns, which distinguish them from other bovids, which have two horns. A slender body with thin legs and a short tail, their coat is yellowish brown to reddish in colour. Antelopes inhabit areas with significant cover from grass or heavy undergrowth. They feed on grass, herbs, shrubs, foliage, flowers, fruits and stay close to water bodies as they need to drink water frequently. They try to stay away from human-inhabited areas as they are very shy.

While one pair of horns is located between the ears, the other pair is on the forehead. The posterior horns are always longer than the anterior horns.

Most of the populations are in India and lower numbers can be found in adjoining Nepal. In Karnataka, they are spotted at Sandur Forest range in Ballari district.

Though solitary by nature, these bovids may form loose groups of three to five — with one or more adults, sometimes accompanied by juveniles.

Adult antelopes mark vegetation in their territories with a secretion of pre-orbital glands and communicate with the help of submissive display which consists of shrinking the body, lowering the head and pulling the ears back.

These animals usually don't use alarm calls to alert others because they try to avoid the attention of predators. However, in extreme cases, these calls may be used to warn predators that they have been identified.

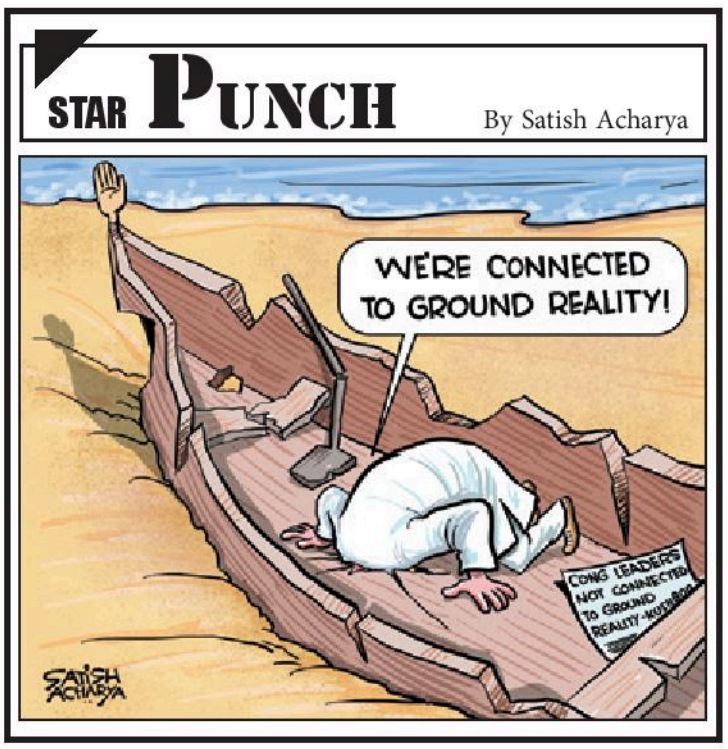
PFA rescues dogs from illegal dog breeder in city

Mysuru, Oct. 14 (KS)- People For Animals (PFA), Mysuru, with the help of Animal Welfare Office and Police, raided an illegal backyard dog breeder at Udbur village, Jayapura, Mysuru, on Oct. 3 and have rescued six out of 18 dogs and have sent them to The Woof Wagon Pet Resort for rehabilitation.

During the raid, various pedigrees such as Huskies, German Shepherds, Dobermans, Retrievers and Labradors were found housed in metal cages with no space for them to move about comfortably.

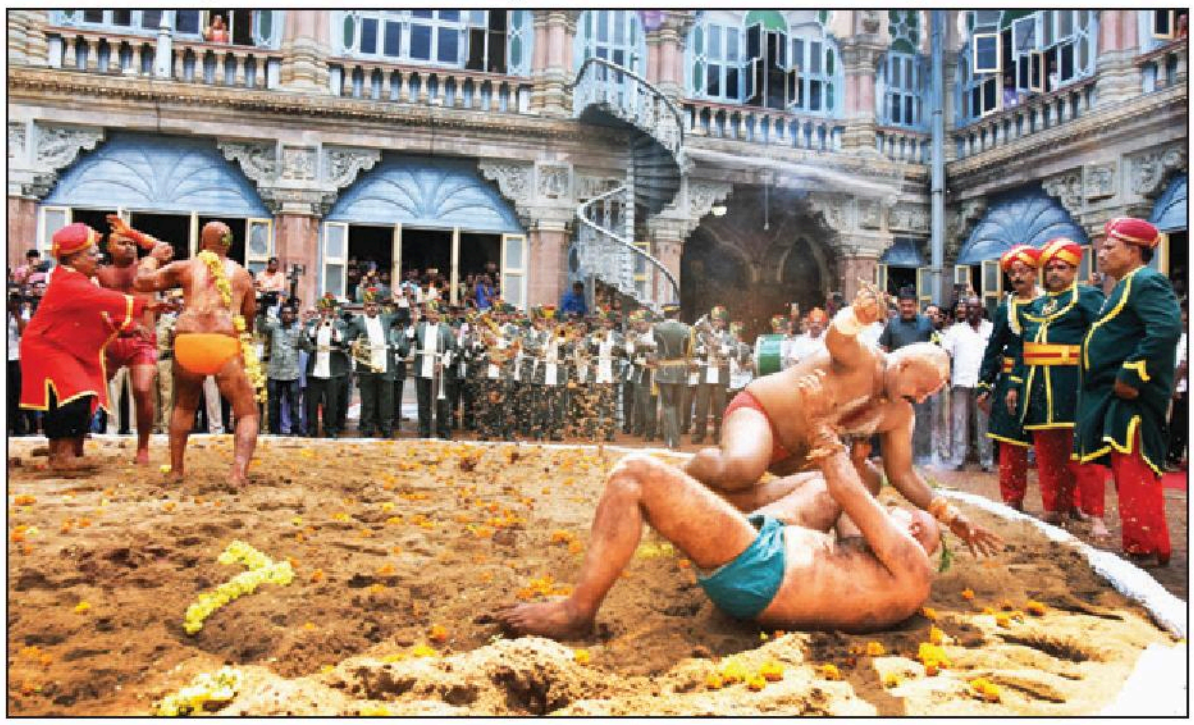
According to the General Regulations related to Dog Breeding in India, it is mandatory for the dog breeders to register themselves with the State Animal Welfare Board of their respective States, which this breeder had not done, hence the whole dog breeding operation was illegal. According to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing) Rule, 2017, unnecessary mutilation of ears is banned and yet two Dobermans found with this breeder had their ears cropped and tails docked.

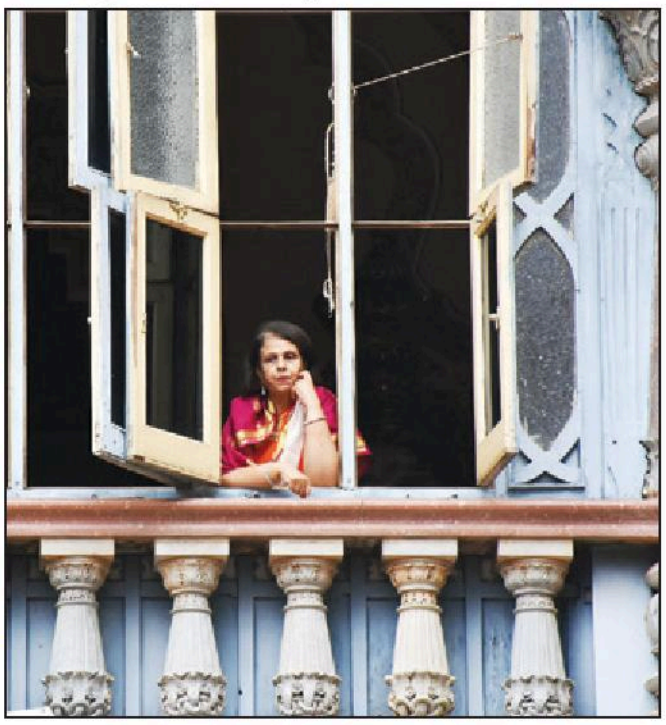
PFA is cracking down on illegal dog breeders due to the high rates of animal abuse that occurs in this trade and has rescued more than 100 pedigrees this year alone after being abandoned by its breeders, according to the press release.



'Vajramushti Kalaga' cancelled

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar convinces Jattis not to hold bouts this year as a precautionary measure against pandemic





A file photo of Pramoda Devi Wadiyar watching 'Vajramushti Kalaga' at Karikallu Thotti in front of the Kalyana Mantap in Palace premises last year.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Oct. 14- The COVID-19 pandemic, which has forced the Government to celebrate Dasara in a simple manner this year, has also 'gulped' several other Dasara-related events such as wrestling competitions and other contests, including the famous 'Vajramushti Kalaga,' where wrestlers fight a bloody duel for peace and global welfare.

The 'Vajramushti Kalaga' is a test of physical strength and will last until either of the two contestants succeeds in drawing blood of his opponent.

With COVID-19 contagion showing no signs of abatement both in the State and Mysuru district, the Government decided to keep Dasara a low-key affair with the world famous 'Jamboo Savari' restricted to Palace premises this time. The 'Vajramushti Kalaga' like the 'Khas Durbar' (Private Durbar) has its own significance and speciality.

As the Government has planned only a simple Dasara, sans most of the events, member of the erstwhile Royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar had convened a meeting of Jatti community leaders a few days ago, during which she is said to have told that holding of 'Vajramushti Kalaga' was not advisable when the Coronavirus is on a rampage.

While some members were unwelcoming of Pramoda Devi's advice, some others suggested that the event be held with all precautionary and safety measures in place. But strongly opposing the idea of holding the event, Pramoda Devi said that the event must not take place this year as it poses a serious health risk in the wake of Coronavirus spread. Later, the Jatti community members paying heed to her advise, backtracked from holding the event.

History of 'Vajramushti Kalaga': The first ever 'Vajramushti Kalaga' that is said to have taken place in Mysuru was in 1131 and the bloody fight became popular across South India by the year 1276.

Centuries later, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, who was an ardent fan of wrestling, showed interest in learning this special art. What began as just learning, later became a major Dasara event with the passage of time, which helped in developing a special bond between the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas and Jatti Kalaga.

An enthusiastic Krishnaraja Wadiyar provided shelter to some of the Jattis in the Palace itself and learnt the art from them. As days passed by, these Jattis became servants of Mysore Rulers.

The Jattis believe that 'Vajramushti Kalaga' has divine blessings. The Jattis, who are firm believers of God and divinity, will observe 'Vrata' throughout the ten-day Dasara Festival by performing *pujas* and rituals. Every year, only four Jattis, with their heads tonsured, will be allowed to take part in the 'Vajramushti Kalaga,' which is a bloody dual involving sharp weapons. The 'Kalaga' will go on until the first blood is drawn. The Jattis firmly believe that the fight, organised in memory of late Mysore Maharajas, has the blessings of Goddess Chamundeshwari and many other deities.

The 'Vajramushti Kalaga' is restricted only to Jatti community members and every year, the Jattis taking part will be identified ahead of Dasara. The selected ones will undergo a 15-day rigorous training, during which they will be taught several tricks of the art, including exercising the body in mud.

The Jattis believe that blood dropping into the mud will bring peace and prosperity to mankind. It has become customary for the Maharaja to enter inside the wrestling arena once the first blood is drawn and give gifts to the Jattis involved in the fight.

The Jatti community, which holds the exclusive right for organising 'Vajramushti Kalaga,' is limited to just about four districts of Mysuru region. Usually, the fight takes place at 'Karikallu Thotti' inside the Palace premises.

The wrestling pairs will be formed after matching the 'Gothra' of the contestants. The Jatti wrestlers hail from Mysuru, Bengaluru, Channapatna and Ramanagara. There will normally be two bouts. In one of the bouts, a Jatti from Mysuru will have his opposite from either Bengaluru or Channapatna and in the other, the Jatti from Chamarajanagar will take on the one either from Channapatna or Bengaluru. However, the Jatti from Mysuru cannot take on the one from Chamarajanagar and likewise, the one from Bengaluru cannot have a bout with Channapatna Jatti.

C.N. Balaji Jatti, a 'Vajramushti' wrestler, said that this is for the first time in many years that there will be no 'Vajramushti Kalaga' in the Palace premises.

Pointing out that the Jatti community is very much loyal to the Royal family for generations, he said there is no example of the bout having got suspended in recent decades.

Noting that in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar has asked us not to organise 'Vajramushti Kalaga' this year, Balaji said that they will honour the Royal family and stay away from staging the event. However, four Jattis, believing that they may get the invite at the last minute, are getting prepared by observing several 'Vratas' and rituals, he pointed out.

File photo of Jasbandi (referee) Tiger Balaji with Jattis who took part in the bout.

WORD OF THE DAY

Billingsgate

Pronunciation: BIL-ingz-gayt.
Meaning: Coarsely abusive language.
Origin: From its beginnings during the time of the Roman occupation, the Billingsgate fish market in London, England, has been notorious for the crude language that has resounded through its stalls. In fact, the fish merchants of Billingsgate were so famous for their swearing centuries ago that their feats of vulgar language were recorded in British chronicler Raphael Holinshed's 1577 account of King Leir (which was probably William Shakespeare's source for King Lear). In Holinshed's volume, a messenger's language is said to be "as bad a tongue ... as any oyster-wife at Billingsgate hath." By the middle of the 17th century, billingsgate had become a byword for foul language.
Example: A steady stream of billingsgate could be heard coming from my brother's room as he tried to recover the files lost when his computer crashed.

THE ODD WORD

Bagnio

Bathing house.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Between a rock and a hard place

Meaning: A person is in a dilemma and even though they have two options available, both options are bad or unattractive.
Origin: It's believed that the idiom 'between a rock and a hard place' originated in the United States. According to The Phrase Finder, the earliest known citation of this idiom being used is from the year 1921, in the Dialect Notes V where it reads:
"To be between a rock and a hard place . . . To be bankrupt. Common in Arizona in recent panics; sporadic in California."
Based on this quote, the expression may have meant 'to be bankrupt' at that time. That is different than it's meaning today, which is 'being in a dilemma.'
So when did this phrase start to be used with its modern meaning? The earliest I could find it in print with such a definition is from *The Advertiser* newspaper, 1930, where it reads:
"After that we were between a rock and a hard place. There was a lot of unpleasantness with Mr. Romanes, but by and by we see'd we couldn't do nothing by fighting....."

QUOTE BOX

If it weren't for the rocks in its bed, the stream would have no song.

— Carl Perkins

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Half-hearted.

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Answer to previous puzzle

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Jet speed measure
5 Welsh county
10 Ms Koirala of Bollywood
13 Dr. C. V.___ : India's famous scientist?
14 A bodily protein - "in least" anagram?
15 To be alive
16 Managing but not very successfully? (7,2)
18 Nautical direction
19 Bollywood's Raja __ Rank
20 Examine
24 Female sheep - "wee" change
27 Small flute
29 To this place
32 Bollywood's Kumar ___
33 Maritime danger, mostly underwater
35 Rd. Transp. Off.
36 Peas grow in them
37 A northern seabird
39 Snare
42 Whatever the truth is? (2,3,4)
45 Beat
49 Guilt
50 Elevate
51 Decomposed or rotted
52 Forefinger
53 A narrow strip of wood

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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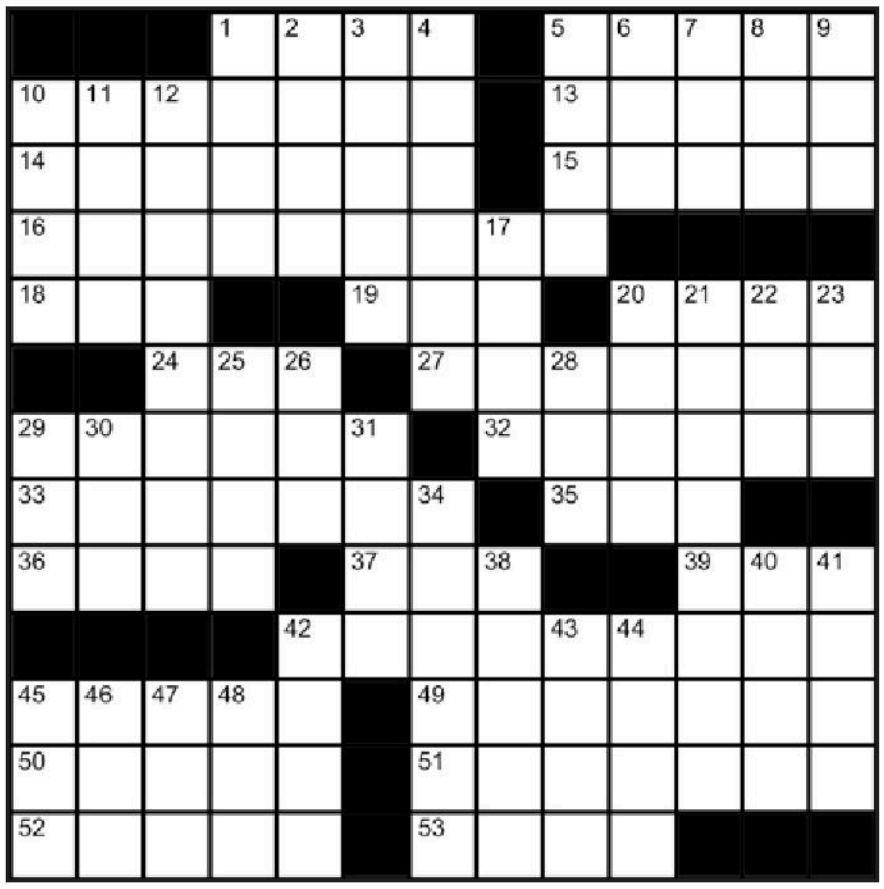
DOWN

1 Water vapor
2 A sparkling white wine
3 Beijing is it's capital
4 Inhibition (4-2)
5 Grizzled
6 Cerumen
7 MGM rival
8 Naval air station, acronym
9 It can move mountains
10 One million: 'pref.'
11 Hebrew letter
12 Talked idly; prattled
17 Sailing-vessel
20 Another name for a rabbit's tail
21 Designating blood vessels
22 __ __ mode : in this fashion or style (1,2)
23 Penultimate mo.
25 They are woven by spiders
26 Estimated Time En route
28 A motor vehicle
29 Joint between leg and trunk
30 Prefix meaning "environment" or "nature"?
31 Algerian port
34 Watches over
38 To rest on one's knees
40 To be (Latin)
41 Shot a golf ball
42 Wild goat
43 Young Men's Christ. Assoc.
44 Outer garment
45 Numerical prefix
46 Chinese dynasty
47 Clear, with of
48 Sugar suffix



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CJ IOC PYSS IOWR O ZBROH SRONRB PEJ POCHM HJ NJ YH

OSS EYIMRST JB ZRH OSS HER XBRNYH TJB NJYCZ YH.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: More than any other time in history, mankind faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness. The other, to total extinction. Let us pray we have the wisdom to choose correctly.

CSK defeats SRH

Dubai, Oct. 14- Kane Williamson's fighting half-century (57 off 39 balls) went in vain as Chennai Super Kings (CSK) defeated Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) by 20 runs at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium yesterday.

With this win, CSK climbed one spot to go sixth on the IPL 2020 Points Table, with six points from eight matches. David Warner and Co. suffered their fifth loss of the season but were placed above CSK due to their superior net run-rate.

Chasing 168 on a slow and turning wicket, with massive boundaries on one side was always going to be a tricky affair but SRH batsmen, barring Williamson, couldn't get themselves going. Their only noticeable partnership of 40 runs came for the fourth wicket between Williamson and young Priyam Garg.

While the New Zealand skipper stood ground from one end, he didn't get support from the other end as they kept losing wickets at regular intervals.

Dhoni used seven bowlers in the game and Piyush Chawla, who was given a chance in the playing XI, bowled just one over, conceding eight runs.

Dwayne Bravo, who bowled the final over of the innings, returned with the best bowling figures of 2/25 among all CSK bowlers, while Karn Sharma leaked runs in his final over but managed to pick up two wickets.

CSK beat SRH by 20 runs and sealed their third win of IPL 2020.

Sam Curran, Ravindra Jadeja and Shardul Thakur shared three wickets among them.

Earlier, CSK skipper M.S. Dhoni won the toss and opted to bat and sent in all-rounder Sam Curran to open the innings with Faf du Plessis.

Du Plessis didn't get to play a single ball in the first two overs and when he finally came on strike in the third over, fell on the very first delivery after edging Sandeep Sharma's delivery straight to wicket-keeper Jonny Bairstow.

Curran repaid the faith shown in him by the CSK management and scored some quick runs (31 off 21 balls), with the help of three fours and two sixes. Sandeep Sharma picked up his second wicket in the Powerplay, cleaning up Curran in the 5th over.

With both their openers back in the pavilion, Shane Watson and Ambati Rayudu batted watchfully and kept the scoreboard ticking, with one and twos and a few occasional boundaries.

The duo changed gears in the 15th over when they smashed a six each off Rashid Khan. Khaleel Ahmed broke the 81-run stand by dismissing Rayudu in the very next over. Watson also fell soon after as SRH bowlers pulled things back for a bit.

However, Dhoni (21 off 13 balls) and Ravindra Jadeja (25 not out off just 10 balls) played aggressively and scored some crucial runs down the order, guiding them to a fighting total of 167/6.

For SRH, Sandeep Sharma was the most economical and most productive bowler as he returned with figures of 2/19 in his four-over spell.

Rashid Khan was economical but went wicketless, while Khaleel Ahmed and death-over specialist T. Natarajan leaked runs towards the end but managed to pick two wickets apiece.

BRIEF SCORES

CSK: 167/6 (Shane Watson 42, Ambati Rayudu 41; Sandeep Sharma 2/19) beat **SRH:** 147/8 (Kane Williamson 57, Jonny Bairstow 23; Dwayne Bravo 2/25) by 20 runs.

IPL 2020

Today's Match (OCT. 14)

DC Vs RR
Dubai Intl. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (OCT. 15)

RCB Vs KXIP
Sharjah Cricket Stadium, Sharjah, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Yesterday's Result

CSK 167/6 (20 Overs) beat **SRH 147/8 (20 Overs)**

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Djokovic stays ahead of Rafa in Rankings

Iga Swiatek leaps into Top 20

London, Oct. 14- Rafael Nadal remains 1,890 points behind Novak Djokovic in ATP rankings released Monday despite having beaten him for a 13th French Open title at the weekend.

Behind the Roland Garros finalists lie Austrian Dominic Thiem, who reached the quarter-finals in Paris, and Roger Federer, who has been sidelined from tournament play since the Australian Open in January. The biggest mover in the top 20 was Argentina's Diego Schwartzman, who made the semi-finals in Paris and moves up six places to a career-high eighth.

Poland's Iga Swiatek has shot up 37 places to 17th in WTA rankings released Monday, following her stunning French Open win over the weekend. The 19-year-old Pole ensured her place in history when she became her country's first major singles champion on Saturday.

Novak Djokovic

The top three remains unchanged, Australian Ashleigh Barty still leading the rankings despite opting out of competing at Roland Garros over COVID-19 fears.

The ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) and WTA (Women's Tennis Association) rankings as of Oct. 12, 2020 is alongside:

	ATP			WTA	
1.	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	11,740 points	1.	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)	8,717 points
2.	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	9,850	2.	Simona Halep (Romania)	7,255
3.	Dominic Thiem (Austria)	9,125	3.	Naomi Osaka (Japan)	5,780
4.	Roger Federer (Switzerland)	6,630	4.	Sofia Kenin (USA)	5,760 (+2)
5.	Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)	5,925 (+1)	5.	Elina Svitolina (Ukraine)	5,260
6.	Daniil Medvedev (Russia)	5,890 (-1)	6.	Karolina Pliskova (Czechia)	5,205 (-2)
7.	Alexander Zverev (Germany)	4,650	7.	Bianca Andreescu (Canada)	4,555
8.	Diego Schwartzman (Argentina)	3,180 (+6)	8.	Petra Kvitova (Czechia)	4,516 (+3)
9.	Matteo Berrettini (Italy)	3,075 (-1)	9.	Kiki Bertens (Netherlands)	4,505 (-1)
10.	Andrey Rublev (Russia)	2,974 (+2)	10.	Serena Williams (USA)	4,080 (-1)
11.	Gael Monfils (France)	2,860 (-2)	11.	Belinda Bencic (Switzerland)	4,010 (-1)
12.	Denis Shapovalov (Canada)	2,695 (-1)	12.	Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	3,675
13.	Roberto Bautista (Spain)	2,665 (-3)	13.	Johanna Konta (Great Britain)	3,152
14.	David Goffin (Belgium)	2,555 (-1)	14.	Victoria Azarenka (Belarus)	3,122
15.	Pablo Carreno (Spain)	2,400 (+3)	15.	Garbine Muguruza (Spain)	3,016
16.	Fabio Fognini (Italy)	2,400 (-1)	16.	Madison Keys (USA)	2,962
17.	Karen Khachanov (Russia)	2,200 (-1)	17.	Iga Swiatek (Poland)	2,960 (+37)
18.	Stan Wawrinka (Switzerland)	2,185 (-1)	18.	Petra Martic (Croatia)	2,850 (-1)
19.	Grigor Dimitrov (Bulgaria)	2,145 (+1)	19.	Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan)	2,696 (-1)
20.	Christian Garin (Chile)	2,090 (-1)	20.	Marketa Vondrousova (Czech)	2,538 (-1)

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